

WI-190
Edward Kenney House
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1850-60

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: EDWARD KENNEY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-190

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL-URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-190

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD KENNEY HOUSE, MINNIE KENNEY HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 23802 River Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Herman R. Kenney, et al.

street & number 23802 River Street telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 995 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 312 P. 47

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

Check one

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward Kenney house, also commonly known as the Minnie Kenney house, stands at 23802 River Street in the center of Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to around 1850-60, the two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by brick piers, and the rectangular main block is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story, one-bay by one-room kitchen wing that is extended by single-story additions.

The south (main) elevation, which faces the Wicomico River, is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a centered entrance. To the left of the entrance is a three-sided bay window and to the right a six-over-six sash window hung with louvered shutters. The four-panel front door is topped by a two-light transom. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported by slender Tuscan columns. A small cross gable is fixed in the center of the porch roof. Lighting the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters, and a cross gable is centered on the medium pitched roof slope. A shuttered window opening is fixed in the center of the cross gable. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with mid-nineteenth century bed and crown moldings.

The east end is marked by pairs of six-over-six sash windows that light the first and second floors, while a closed louvered opening marks upper gable. The windows flank an interior end brick chimney stack. The west gable end, on the other hand, features an exterior 13-course common bond brick chimney with six-over-six sash windows to each side, and small squarish windows light the attic.

The north (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, one-bay by one-bay service wing. A single-story hip roofed addition extends from the west side of the kitchen wing, and a small shed roofed addition is fixed to the inside corner off the east side. An single flue brick chimney stack rises through the gable end with six-over-six sash windows on each side.

The interior was not seen.

Standing behind the house is a turn of the twentieth century single-story frame garage extended on its south side by a shed roofed addition. Sheathed with plain weatherboards, the garage is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The east, gable-front main elevation is pierced by a double door opening.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its well-preserved condition, the Edward Kenney house falls into Category A, which identifies structures that must be retained since it is of historic significance and exhibits many good architectural details representative of a period of historic development and contributes uniquely and superlatively to the character of the village district.

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EDWARD KENNEY HOUSE
23802 River Street
Whitehaven, Maryland
Chain of title

995/312 Herman R. Kenney
 Minnie C. Kenney

to

8/2/1983 Herman R. Kenney

JWTS 630/55 Alexander G. Jones
 Catherine M. Jones

to

12/31/1965 Minnie C. Kenney

JWTS 630/48 B. Palmer Kenney, et al.

to

Alexander G. Jones
5th item

JWS 234/451 Edward S. Kenney
 Minnie C. Kenney

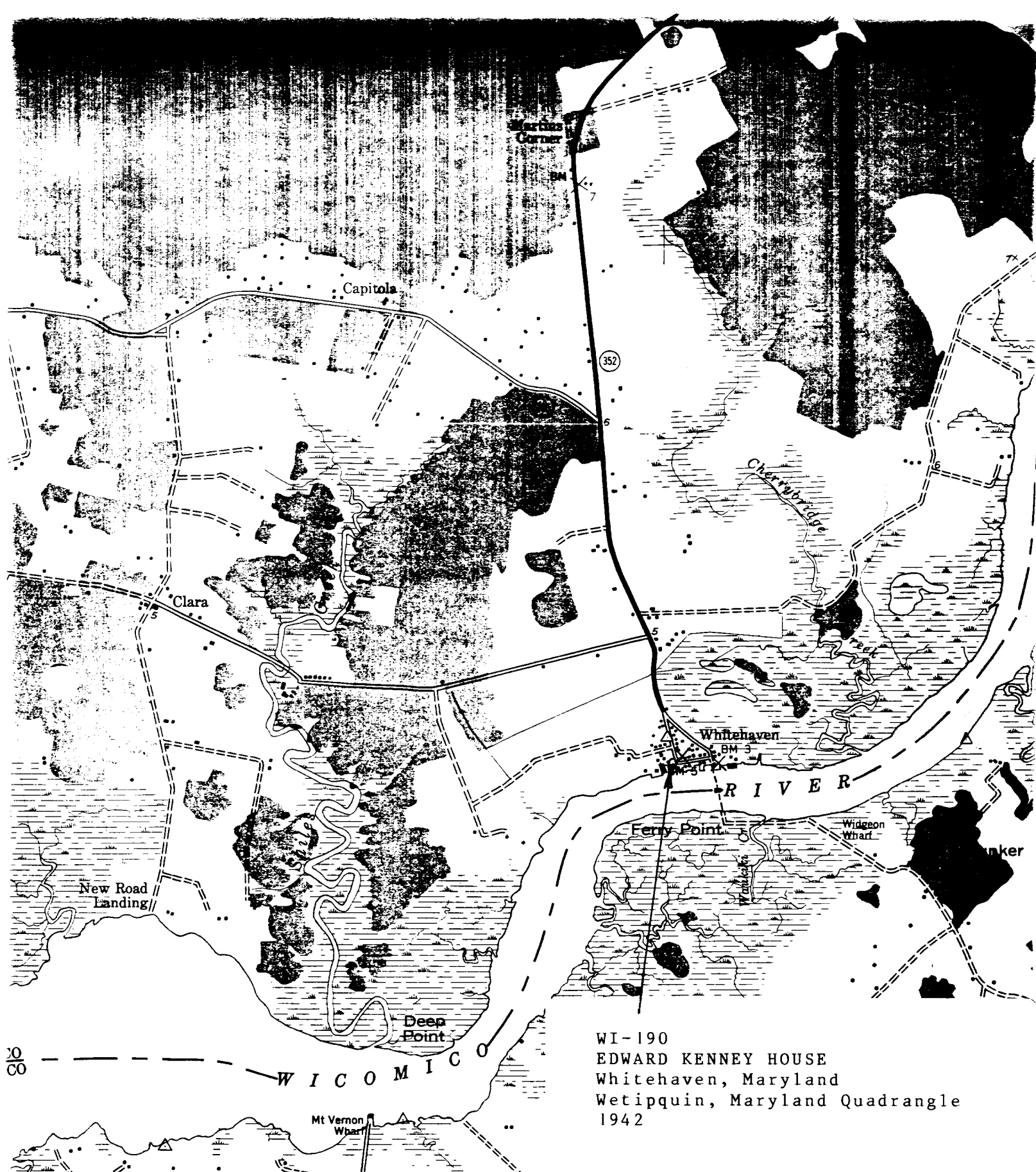
to

7/21/1941 Herman R. Kenney
 B. Palmer Kenney

Parcel No. 5 all that piece or parcel of land
 situate,....located and binding
 upon the west side of Main Street
 in the town of White Haven,
 adjoining the land of Mary
 Anderson and a road to the land
 of Louise Robertson, being the
 homeplace where the grantors now
 reside.

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EDWARD KENNEY HOUSE
Whitehaven, Maryland
Wicomico County Tax Map 65
Parcel 47



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EDWARD KENNEY HOUSE
Whitehaven, Maryland
Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
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